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1.1 PURPOSE

- 1.1.1 To provide the new student with an understanding of the operational systems employed in the Impression Unit of the Latent Print Section of the Division of Forensic Science.
- 1.1.2 To orient the student with reference texts and training aids available, and the routine the student will be expected to follow towards successful completion of the training course.
- 1.1.3 To acquaint the student with the historical background impressions.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1 The student will attain:
 - An understanding of the mission and standard operating procedures in effect in the Division of Forensic Science and specifically in the Impression Unit.
 - An introduction to the reference material available to the student for use throughout the course.
 - Introduction to the records and forms to be maintained on the student's progress throughout the course.
 - An introduction to the history of impressions as a means of identification.

1.3 GOAL

- 1.3.1 Upon completing this training segment the student will possess knowledge and understanding to be able to do the following:
 - Function and begin studies as a student in the Impression Unit training program.
 - Be able to recall from memory notable events in the history of footwear and tires.

1.4 DISCUSSION

- 1.4.1 The technical basis for impressions identification is based on the following:
 - Objects or materials retain the characteristics of other objects or materials through direct physical contact.

1.5 EXAMINATION

1.5.1 Successful completion of this segment of training will be determined by oral and written tests.

1.6 REFERENCES FOR TOPIC I

- 1. Footwear Evidence, Abbott, 1956
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